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Sublime scenery that invites contemplation; vast tracts of wilderness that invite exploration; vibrant cities that invite you to stay and enjoy theatre, nightlife and contemporary cuisine — this is Utah. Journey through this land and discover its secrets, and some of your own.

One of the best ways to see Utah is to drive the state's collection of scenic byways. There are seven U.S. Scenic Byways and 19 State Scenic Byways that wind through every part of the state, offering interpretive lookouts, panoramic vistas and the chance to explore natural and human history.

Parks Plus

The Great Outdoors are truly great here and have a profound influence on all that goes on in the state. There are five, count 'em five, national parks: Arches National Park; Bryce Canyon National Park; Canyonlands National Park; Capitol Reef National Park; and Zion National Park. From the world's largest concentration of natural arches, to haunting hoodoos, from extraordinary solitude to soul-satisfying vistas, each has its own unique attractions.

And then there are the National Monuments (seven), National Recreation Areas (two), National Historic Sites (one) and National Forests (six). Oh yeah, there are also 42 State Parks that offer boating, water sports, swimming, fishing, river running, biking, hiking, off-roading and horseback riding in summer and a host of winter sports, too.

Bikers come to Utah looking for the ultimate terrain to tackle and are never disappointed. Moab's Slickrock Trail is arguably the most popular mountain bike trail in the world, while Brian Head Resort was voted "one of the best, unique and most unusual mountain bike vacation resorts" by *Mountain Bike Action* magazine. The fact is, every community in the state offers all levels of riders the chance to pedal through amazing scenery.

There are also literally thousands of miles of OHV and snowmobile trails for motorized off-road adventure. The Paiute ATV Trail

was rated one of the best 15 trails in the U.S. by *Dirt Wheels* magazine; Skyline Drive/Arapeen Trail offers 560 kilometres of alpine off-road adventure; and Burr Trail area, connecting Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with Lake Powell was the last area in the lower 48 states to be mapped.

Birders flock to Utah for the number of species (430) that have been spotted and the amazing range of habitat that attracts our feathered friends. From sub-alpine mountains, forest and sage-steppe, to upland, lake, wetland and high elevation desert, there is a place for every bird, and every birder. The Great Salt Lake is a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve network site and Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is one of the best-known birding sites in the country.

Cowboys...

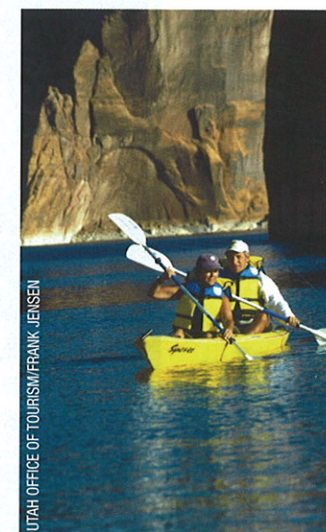
Yes, indeed, Utah has a rich cowboy tradition. Law-abiding ranchers and farmers were attracted to the state's wide open spaces. And

so were outlaws, like Butch' Cassidy, Billy The Kid and the Rough Riders. For western entertainment, you can head out to Ruby's Inn, Utah Trails Resort, Bar M Chuckwagon and the Sundown Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner and Wild West Show. Book yourself into a dude or guest ranch to live the cowboy life. Or, head to The American West Heritage Center or Red Rock Ranch and Outfitters to watch someone else live it.

Lake Powell.

And Indians

Utah was home to not one, but two ancient Native American cultures — the Anasazi and Fremont, both of which left the area about 700 years ago. Evidence of their lives can be seen at a multitude of rock art sites throughout the state. Petroglyphs, images chipped into the stone, and pictographs,



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Top: Park City Mountain Resort.

Bottom: Homestead Resort.

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Monument Valley.



painted on the stones, leave a haunting, and indecipherable, record of their beliefs and everyday lives. You can also visit countless ruins of their communities and learn more at Utah's numerous museums.

Diggin' It

Before the Ancient Ones, however, there were the dinosaurs. Everywhere it seems. Utah is home to more dinosaur species than any other state; the world's largest collection of mounted dinosaur skeletons; and the world's most famous dinosaur quarry at Dinosaur National Monument. Visit museums, parks, and digs in any corner of the state and you'll come face-to-face with the past – the very distant past.

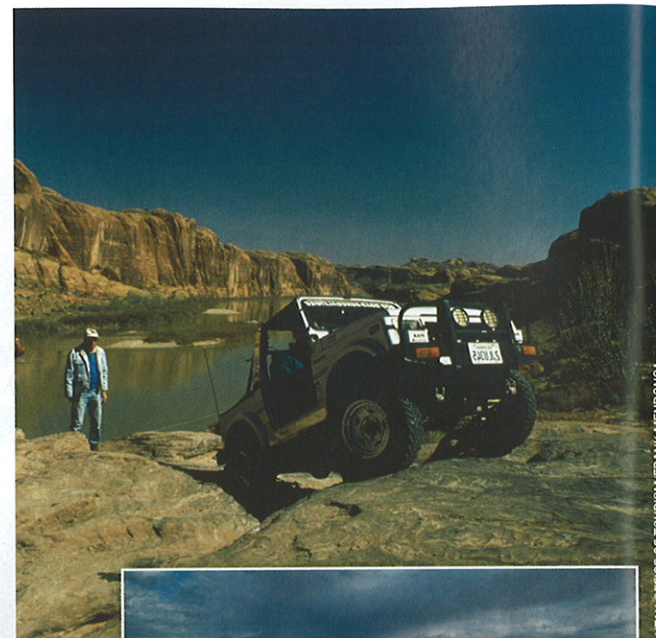
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Golfers delight in the wide range of scenery and conditions, ranging from high elevation tacks to challenging desert conditions, presented by Utah golf courses. The Salt Lake Valley alone is home to more than 40 courses, with 30 less than an hour's drive from downtown. Can't decide? Follow the Red Rock Golf Trail, a collection of nine courses, all within a 24-kilometre radius in southern Utah that offer redrock desert scenery and world-class amenities. Golf Wasatch offers the state's only mountain golf destination advance reservation system on five fine Heber Valley courses.

The Greatest Snow On Earth®

It really is. And Utah has 13 world-class ski resorts that offer 10,500 hectares of skiable terrain that boast an average of 1,250 centimetres of light, dry powder every year. Downhill/boarding areas include Beaver Mountain, Powder Mountain, Snow Basin and Wolf Mountain in Logan and Ogden Canyons; Park City Mountain Resort, The Canyons and Deer Valley Resort in the Park City area; Solitude Mountain Resort, Brighton, Alta and Snowbird in Salt Lake Canyons; Sundance in Provo/Orem; and Brian Head Resort in southern Utah.

Utah
Olympic
Park.



Top: Off-roading, Moab Rim.
Bottom: Biking Canyonlands National Park.

Cross-country and Nordic skiers head to resorts like Sherwood Hills, White Pine Touring Center, The Viking Yurt, Solitude Nordic Center, Alta Nordi Center, Soldier Hollow, The Homestead Cross-Country Ski Center, Sundance Nordic Center, Best Western Ruby's Inn, Brian Head Resort and Duck Creek Village, as well as National Forest Ski Areas, La Sal Mountain area and Wasatch Mountain State Park.

Olympic Glory

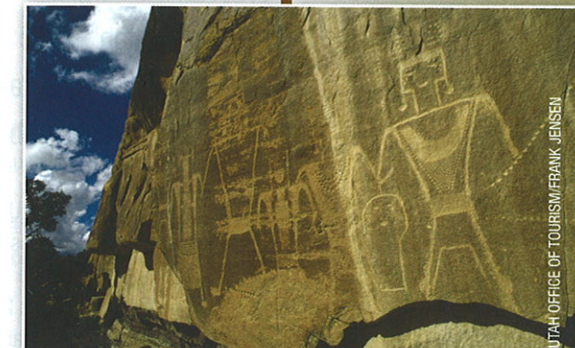
For 16 days in February 2002, Utah welcomed the world to the XIX Olympic Winter Games. The Games legacy lives on in the facilities that hosted the Olympic events, and you can experience the thrill of competition at many of the Olympic Venues that are open to the public. At Olympic Cauldron Park you can relive the Games experience at a multi-sensory exhibit in the Visitors Center and Theater; Energy Solutions Arena hosted figure skating and short-track speed skating; The Ice Sheet housed curling; and the Utah Olympic Oval was the site of speed skating. Ice hockey was played at the E Center Arena and the Peaks Ice Arena.

Utah Olympic Park held ski jumping, bobsled, skeleton and luge events, while Park City Mountain Resort hosted half-pipe and snowboarding events. Deer Valley Resort, Snowbasin Ski Resort and Soldier Hollow were where the downhill and Nordic skiing events took place.

Must See Utah

With so much to offer it is tough to pick THE best places in Utah. Based solely on visitation numbers, here are the top 15 favourites:

- 1. Temple Square** and the surrounding Salt Lake City attractions include a state-of-the-art Conference Center, the world's largest genealogical library and the Joseph Smith Memorial Building housing Family History Center and large-screen theatre showing films related to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) history and religious concepts. The Museum of Church History and Art houses historic displays as well as works of modern L.D.S. and two visitor centres interpret L.D.S. history and faith.
- 2. Zion National Park**, features soaring monoliths, an interpretive centre, hiking and the Virgin River.
- 3. Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** includes Lake Powell, which boasts nearly 3,200 kilometres of shoreline with hundreds of side canyons, inlets and coves.
- 4. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area**, features fishing, hiking, mountain biking, wildlife watching and access to the neighbouring Ashley National Forest.
- 5. Bryce Canyon National Park**, is a series of amphitheatres and bowls filled with massive and delicate pillars of stone eroded into bizarre shapes called hoodoos.
- 6. Wasatch Mountain State Park**, has two excellent 36-hole golf courses, and Soldier Hollow, 2002 Olympic Winter Games venue, is open year-round. Winter activities include cross-country skiing, tubing and snowshoeing.
- 7. Arches National Park** features hundreds of sandstone arch spans, including Utah icon Delicate Arch, and more than 2,000 significant eroded formations.
- 8. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument** is divided into three areas: the canyons of the Escalante River, the Grand Staircase and the Kaiparowits Plateau.
- 9. Capitol Reef National Park** features Waterpocket Fold, a massive uplift which created huge dome-like formations and historic sites that range from evidence of the ancient Fremont Culture to orchards planted by settlers in the mid-1800s.
- 10. Cedar Breaks National Monument** is an amphitheatre on the western edge of the Markagunt Plateau filled with pillars, columns and hoodoos surrounded by Dixie National Forest.
- 11. This Is The Place Heritage Park** features the Heritage Village Living History Experience, where you will find 40 original and replica homes and businesses featuring period villages demonstrating crafts, trades and home-making skills typical of 19th-century Utah and the This Is The Place Monuments with its sweeping panoramic view of the Salt Lake Valley.
- 12. Canyonlands National Park** is divided into distinct districts: The River; Island in the Sky; The Needles; and The Maze.
- 13. Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park's** Gouding's Trading Post and Museum recreate life in the 1920s and document the roles of Monument Valley's formations in movies and television through several decades.
- 14. Snow Canyon State Park** is known for its enjoyable hiking through acres of vibrant red Navajo sandstone capped by an overlay of black lava rock.
- 15. Antelope Island State Park** is the largest island in the Great Salt Lake and offers the most stunning views available of the Wasatch Mountain range. It's also home to free-roaming bison, bighorn sheep, deer, pronghorn antelope and many varieties of shore and wading birds.



Top:
Petroglyphs,
Dry Fork
Canyon.

Bottom:
George
S. Eccles
Dinosaur
Park.

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